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New Delhi: The **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)**, which released its annual report on the status of religious freedom across the globe yesterday, has put on hold its chapter on India saying it would send a team to the country next month before bringing out the India-specific section.

The team that intends to visit India in June will try to gain perspective on Indian government's response to allegations of communal violence in states like Gujarat in the west and Orissa in the east, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

In December 2007, a spate of anti-Christian attacks took place in the Kandhamal district of Orissa, killing at least four Christians and burning 730 houses and 95 churches. The attacks were carried out to avenge an alleged attack on a local Hindu nationalist leader Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati.